



By the King.

A Proclamation forbidding the disorderly Trading with the Salvages in New England in America, especially the furnishing of the Natives in those and other parts of America by the English with Weapons, and Habiliments of Warre.



Whereas a Proclamation was heretofore published by Our deare Father King JAMES of blessed memory, in the twentieth yeere of his Reigne, for the better supportation and Reiglement of the plantations within Our Territory of New England in America, whereby, amongst divers other things, the insufferable abuses committed by divers Interloping and irregular Merchants, and disobedient Fishermen and Mariners, were prohibited, who seeking only their present and private profit, did Trade with the Salvages of that Countrey, and to the great prejudice and danger of Our loving Subjects the Planters there, did Barter away to the Salvages, Swords, Pikes, Muskets, Fowling pieces, Hatch, Powder, Shotte, and other warlike Armes, weapons, and Munition, and teach them the vse thereof, not onely to their owne present ruine (divers of them having been slaughtered by the barbarous people with their owne weapons formerly sold by them) but also to the great hazard of the lives of the English already planted there, and to the apparant destruction of that hopefull Plantation.

Wee, being informed that these abuses are still continued to the indangering of that Plantation, and that the like abuses are also practised in other Forreigne Plantations: Out of Our Princely care for the prosperity of these Colonies, which being well governed may be of great vse to this Nation, for the reformation and prevention of these and the like enormities for the future.





And to the end that the Royal Grant of Our late Father to the President and Counsell of New England aforesayd, may bee maintained and vpholden, and that the Planters there, and aduenturers thither, may bee encouraged by all good wayes and meanes to proceede in their worthy designes, haue thought it fit, and doe hereby straitly charge and command, That none of Our Subjects whatsoeuer (who are not Adiscenturers, Inhabiters, or Planters, authorized by Our President and Counsell for New England, according to the sayd Letters Patents) doe presume from hencefoorth to frequent those Coasts to Trade or Traffique at all with the Native people of those Countreys, or to intermeddle with the Woods, or Grounds of any of the Planters, or English Inhabitants there, otherwise then by the Licence of the sayd President and Counsell, or for the necessary vse of their Fishing on those Coasts, in which case of Fishing, or vnder colour thereof, they are not to vse any Trade or Traffique there, nor to challenge any Right to the Soyle there, or the Woods growing or beeing thereon, and especially wee doe charge and command, that neither any Interlopers, Fisher men, or Bariners, or any other of Our Subjects whatsoeuer, being of the said Company of New England or otherwise, doe at any time hereafter dare to Sell, Barter, or any wayes to deliuer or conuey vnto any of the Salvages or Natives of America, where any of Our English Colonies are or shall bee planted, any Weapons or Habilliments of Warre of any kinde whatsoeuer, or to teach them or any of them the vse of Gunnes, or how to make or amend them, or any thing belonging to them, vpon paine of Our high indignation, and the Confiscation, Penalties and Forfeitures expressed in the said Royall Graunt of Our sayd Father, wherein wee shall proceede against those who haue offended, or shall offend in any of the premisses, in such manner and measure as the qualitie of their Offences shall deserue. And yet further wee leaue it to the discretion of the said President & Counsell for New England, and to other the Gouvernours and Counsell in any other Forreigne English Colonie in their severall places respectiue, to proceede against the Offenders in any the kindes aforesaid, according to the powers already granted vnto them, and according to Our Lawes in that behalfe.

Giuen at Our Court at Whitehall, the foure and twentieth day of Nouember, in the sixt yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.



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